

Ex-Emperor Threatens to Break With Entente

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VIENNA, Oct. 24.—"If the Entente sticks to its system of suppressing the free will of the Hungarian people I, as the legitimate King of the Hungarians, shall break off relations with the Entente."

That was the declaration made by former Emperor Charles to-day when his commander in chief, Gen. Begedue, following conversations in Budapest with the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, in the presence of Thomas Beaumont-Holler, British High Commissioner in Hungary, told the ex-ruler of the hostile attitude of the Allies. The Budapest Government issued a communique stating that it was forced to prevent invasion of the capital by Charles's forces at any price, as it would have meant immediate war with the "Little Entente."

the Hungarian regent in the meantime receiving 9,000 additional forces from the southeast garrisons.

Charles and Zita had visited the battlefield after the action of yesterday. Charles wept and Zita fainted.

At Steinmanger, where the garrison went over to the former King, a number of officers whose faith in the King wavered were imprisoned. Count Andrassy, Deputy Rakowsky and Prince Windisch-Graetz of the monarchist cabinet were posted by the Government as dangerous rebels.

The Rumanians are asserted to be crossing the Transylvanian border and Jugo-Slav and Czechoslovak forces are in readiness to march into Hungary if the necessity arises. The Czechoslovakian mobilization is said to comprise 350,000 additional men.

BERLIN SEES FRENCH BACKING OF CHARLES

Latter's Leading Spirit Is Gustave Gratz.

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Berlin, Oct. 24.—The leading spirit back of Charles Hapsburg in his movement to regain the throne of Hungary, and the man who was slated to be Charles's Foreign Minister if the movement succeeded, is Gustave Gratz, an Austrian journalist, who for many years was Budapest correspondent of the Neue Freie Presse and later was Hungarian Foreign Minister.

(A special cable despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD from Berlin Saturday said Gustave Gratz had been named by Charles as a member of his provisional cabinet.)

Herr Gratz recently disclosed in Budapest the royalist plan to bring Charles back as King when the latter occasion promised a conflict with the Little Entente (Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Jugo-Slavia).

The Berlin press prints numerous reports trying to prove that France favored the return of Charles to the Hungarian throne. A despatch from Innsbruck declares that an agreement between Charles and the French was signed a few days before the one-time ruler left Switzerland, by which Charles accepted three conditions, namely:

1. That Hungary would follow an anti-German policy.
2. That Hungary would join the Little Entente.
3. That the Hungarian army would be put in charge of French instructors.

Premier Bethlen of Hungary, in the face of a formal protest by the Allies and by the Little Entente, is said to have promised to do his best to cause Charles to leave Hungary and has issued a proclamation to the Hungarian people reminding them that their sacred duty is to live up to the terms of the Venice agreement for the settlement of the West Hungarian (Burgenland) problem.

The German press, and even the monarchist section of it, glowers at the Hapsburg adventure. The Pan German Deutsche Zeitung declares Charles might be tolerated if he remained contented in a small Hungary. But the probability, it adds, is that Charles would have French support for the assimilation of Austria, too, and then for a realization of the French dreams of the establishment of a Catholic south German monarchy.

The Tagliche Rundschau is afraid the Bavarian monarchists will now try to follow Charles's example and annex the Tyrol, and since this would do incalculable injury to Germany it must be Germany's chief aim to prevent it. It declares Austria's fate could never be a matter of indifference to the Germans and that Charles ruling over Austria and Hungary would be a step ahead toward the realization of the French dreams of dominating the Continent.

EX-EMPEROR'S FLIGHT WAS IN GERMAN PLANE

Hollander Sold Machine and Zita Flew With Husband.

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—A despatch to the Postische Zeitung from Vienna says the flight of former Emperor Charles into Hungary was in a German machine, purchased from a Hollander. It was capable of flying 170 kilometres (nearly 106 miles) an hour.

Former Empress Zita, flew with her husband, who left her immediately the landing was made, although she protested that a wife's duty was to her husband. Zita declared she desired to ascend the throne with Charles. The airplane flew over Switzerland, Bavaria and Austria before the landing was made.

CONVICTS IN PRISON PASS CHECKS OUTSIDE

Confederates Got Pay as Employees, Confessions Say.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 24.—Confessions made to Department of Justice operatives here by four convicts in the Federal penitentiary have cleared up the facts regarding the disappearance of 154 Government blank checks from the chief clerk's office in the prison last August.

W. I. Biddle, warden at the prison, said to-day that all the four convicts and their confederates on the outside had been caught in a forgery, most of them more than once.

Mr. Biddle said some of the checks had been cashed on Kansas banks in amounts from \$5 to \$25. They were represented as "salary" checks by men who pretended to be employees of the Federal prison, he said.

STONE DENIES SPLIT WITH SHOP CRAFTS

Each Organization Free to Use Its Own Judgment, He Explains.

'SITUATION OVERDRAWN'

'Big Five' Leaders Confer in Cleveland and Announce No Change.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 24 (Associated Press).—Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to-night declared "there is no open break" between the "big five" railroad transportation organizations and the organizations of shop crafts which have voted not to join in the strike set to begin October 30.

"The situation is very much overdrawn. Each organization is free to use its own judgment. Each organization preserves its own autonomy." This was President Stone's reply when asked if the action of the shop crafts in voting not to follow the lead of the "big five" indicated an open rupture of relations.

Some of the subordinate brotherhood officials intimated, however, that there was a strong possibility. In their judgment, that many of the members of other railroad labor organizations would follow the lead of the "big five" in the event they received instructions to that effect from their leaders' instructions to the contrary.

Mr. Stone refused to comment on reports from Memphis that general chairman of the engineers' brotherhood had received advice from him that it was not necessary for them to attend the Chicago conference until he knew which chairman made the alleged statement and corroborated the report.

President Stone also stated that it was his understanding that the vice-chairmen as well as general chairman had been summoned to appear at the Chicago conference with the Railroad Labor Board Wednesday. Asked what the action might have on the direction of the strike in case these chairmen are held in Chicago for some time, Mr. Stone replied:

"It is unnecessary to leave any official in charge. The clerical force can take care of the work."

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in response to a telegram from his general chairman asking for instructions regarding their appearance in Chicago Wednesday, notified them to obey the Labor Board's citation, adding that the "board's notice is not understood by me as changing or cancelling instructions issued or permission given prior to October 21, date of board's order." (Permission to leave the service was given the trainmen by Mr. Lee prior to the date of the citation in which it was ordered to maintain the status quo.)

Chairmen of the conductors, firemen and engineers on the International and Great Northern Railroad to-day were notified by their respective chiefs to authorize immediately their men to leave the service in case attempt is made by the railroad to use them to fill places vacated by the trainmen who left the service last Saturday. It was indicated such an attempt had been reported and the instructions issued were in answer to the general chairman's request for guidance.

T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, reached Chicago this morning and attended a conference of the "Big Five" leaders. No statement was issued after the meeting, the executives merely announcing that the situation was unchanged. They will confer again to-morrow morning.

PUBLIC SAFEGUARDED, LABOR BOARD ASSERTS

No Rights to Be Bargained Away, Says Barton.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—Denial that the Railroad Labor Board intended to bargain away any rights of the public in attempting settlement of the threatened railroad strike was made by the chairman, Mr. Barton, in a telegram to Everett Moss, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, to-day. His message was in reply to a telegram from Mr. Moss which had said:

"We understand that railroad employees have suggested that strike may be called off if assurances can be given that no further decreases of wages shall be asked for by the railroad executives. This is contrary to public policy for the railroad executives cannot bargain away the rights of the public. The public looks to you to protect its rights."

Chairman Barton's reply was: "You appear to be laboring under a misapprehension. The thought has never entered the mind of any member of the board to bargain away any of the rights of the public. The board will not be bargaining or otherwise compromise itself or enter into any agreement that can in any way embarrass it in its full and free judgment or just action on any matters now before it or that may hereafter come before it."

CONFLICTING CLAIMS MADE IN TEXAS STRIKE

Rail and Union Leaders Disagree on Situation.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 24.—Houston, scene of the first strike in the threatened nationwide series of walkouts, to-day heard conflicting claims of railroad officials and union leaders.

International and Great Northern officials declared both freight and passenger traffic is moving, although the former is greatly diminished in volume. It was said that Union leaders stood on the statement that the strike is a complete tieup, the walkout Saturday of 699 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen making "this one of the toughest jobs the railroad ever went up against."

Four switch engines in the Houston yard operated to-day as against only one yesterday.

P. R. R. EMPLOYEES LOYAL

Miscellaneous Forces Association Will Not Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—The general committee of the Miscellaneous Forces Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern region, voted at a meeting to-day to remain at work and "take no part in the contemplated railroad strike." A resolution adopted said the "affiliated employees are entirely satisfied with the regulations under which they are working."

The association has a membership of approximately 7,000, including office, station, warehouse, storehouse and elevator employees and engine and train crew callers.

Irish Difficulties May Delay Premier's Voyage

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London, Oct. 24.—The British delegates to the Irish conference recognize there is still some danger of a break in which officials have talk of Mr. Lloyd George's Washington trip. Although all arrangements have been made for him to leave England aboard the Aquitania on November 5, it was announced here that these were only provisional arrangements, subject to postponement at the last moment.

There is no talk of him not going to Washington at all, but questions were told to-day he might not be able to go until later. A. J. Balfour, Lord Gavan and others will sail November 2 on the Empress of France.

U. S. LEGAL WEAPONS READY IN R. R. STRIKE

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a strike, he held, might have the effect of antagonizing the United States Government and would have to be met by drastic legal weapons which the Department of Justice stands ready to employ.

Conferring with the Attorney-General in shaping a plan of action if there is a general walkout on the railroads, were these United States District Attorneys: Clyde of Chicago, Hayward of New York, Lockwood of Buffalo, Werts of Cleveland and Van Noy of Indianapolis.

Mr. Daugherty made this statement to the newspaper correspondents to-night at the end of the conference: "I asked those men to come here for a conference. We have arrived at an understanding in the event of an emergency."

"I still doubt that there will be a strike. It is the duty of the Department of Justice, however, to take necessary steps toward uniformity in procedure in the courts. A policy has been decided upon. We have discussed various plans of the Department if there is a strike. We did not discuss the merits of the matter in dispute. With the merits, the Department of Justice has nothing to do. The merits at no time enter into our part of the program."

"Probably we will concede that the men have the right to strike in so far as that means quitting their jobs. They may strike in groups. But I do not say that they may strike in groups broadcast over the country without violating the conspiracy laws when it comes to antagonizing the United States Government. I say that by peacefully doing so men may quit work and strike. But when it comes to the Government's interest they cannot strike back."

"The Government has the power, the right and the duty of saying that the owners of the railroads and their employees give the American people the service they are entitled to. The American people are more interested in these facilities than in the controversy now pending, regardless of who is right or wrong."

"The Government has ample power and ample authority. It will be just as prompt and reasonable as possible. But these arteries of commerce must be kept open, life defended and order maintained. The Government is big enough and strong enough to see that this is accomplished."

FOUR BEDFORD GIRLS ESCAPE.

Four inmates at Bedford Reformatory for Women squeezed through a coal hole in the cellar of Lowell dormitory and escaped yesterday while a matron was answering the telephone. The girls had neither hats nor coats. Though possessed of guards, matrons and State police searched the countryside for hours, no trace was found of them.

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